

The following Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Currently Amended) A The variable displacement compressor as set forth in claim 1, wherein comprising:
a compression mechanism and a drive mechanism operable to activate said compression mechanism and in which said compression mechanism includes a discharge valve mechanism,
said discharge valve mechanism being configured such that two discharge openings are formed in said compression mechanism and are placed in an open or closed state by a reed valve, and each of said discharge openings is formed at a respective location between a base end side and a leading end side of said reed valve,
a first portion of said reed valve corresponding to one of said discharge openings on the leading end side has a bending strength set smaller than that of a second portion of said reed valve corresponding to another one of said discharge openings on the base end side, and
~~two discharge openings are formed in said compression mechanism, and~~
said reed valve including element includes a small-width part of smaller width dimension between said second portion corresponding to said discharge opening on the base end side and said first portion corresponding to said discharge opening on the leading end side.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) A variable displacement compressor comprising:
a compression mechanism and a drive mechanism operable to activate said
compression mechanism and in which said compression mechanism includes a discharge
valve mechanism,

said discharge valve mechanism having a first valve mechanism including ~~a first
valve element which is~~ a reed valve operable to place a discharge opening in an open or
closed state, and a second valve mechanism including ~~a second valve element which is~~ a
poppet valve operable to place another discharge opening in an open or closed state.

5. (Currently Amended) The variable displacement compressor according to
claim 4, wherein

said first valve mechanism has a first discharge port diameter and a first seat diameter
and said second valve mechanism has a second discharge port diameter and a second seat
diameter, said first discharge port diameter is less than said second discharge port diameter
and said first seat diameter is less than said second seat diameter, and

said reed ~~first valve element~~ has a first lift amount and said poppet ~~second valve
element~~ has a second lift amount, said second lift amount is less than said first lift amount.

6. (Currently Amended) A variable displacement compressor ~~according to claim~~
~~1, wherein~~ comprising:

a compression mechanism and a drive mechanism operable to activate said compression mechanism and in which said compression mechanism includes a discharge valve mechanism,

said discharge valve mechanism being configured such that a plurality of discharge openings are placed in an open or closed state by a plate-like valve element, and each of said discharge openings is formed at a respective location between a base end side and a leading end side of said valve element,

a first portion of said valve element corresponding to one of said discharge openings on the leading end side has a bending strength set smaller than that of a second portion of said valve element corresponding to another one of said discharge openings on the base end side, and

said first portion of said valve element corresponding to one of said discharge openings on the leading end side is being formed as a reed valve while said second of said valve element ~~corresponding~~ element corresponding to another one of said discharge openings on the base end side is being formed as a poppet valve.

7. (Previously Presented) The variable displacement compressor as set forth in claim 6, wherein

two discharge openings are formed in said compression mechanism, and

said valve element includes a small-width part of smaller width dimension between said second portion of said valve element corresponding to said discharge opening on the base end side and said first portion of said valve element corresponding to said discharge opening on the leading end side.

8. (Previously Presented) The variable displacement compressor as set forth in claim 6, wherein

two discharge openings are formed in said compression mechanism, and
said first portion of said valve element corresponding to said discharge opening on the leading end side has a smaller width dimension than that of said second portion of said valve element corresponding to said discharge opening on the base end side.

9. (Previously Presented) A variable displacement compressor comprising:

a compression mechanism and a drive mechanism operable to activate said compression mechanism and in which said compression mechanism includes a discharge valve mechanism,

said discharge valve mechanism having a first valve mechanism including a first valve element operable to place a discharge opening in an open or closed state, and a second valve mechanism including a second valve element operable to place another discharge opening in an open or closed state, and

both said first valve element and said second valve element are formed by reed valves and said first valve element having a bending strength set smaller than that of said second valve element .

10. (Previously Presented) The variable displacement compressor as set forth in claim 9, wherein

said first valve element has a smaller thickness than that of said second valve element.